



Rear Admiral Daniel A. Neptun **Director of Personnel Management** **U.S. Coast Guard**



Rear Admiral Neptun is a veteran of over 33 years of Coast Guard service at units along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, plus tours in the Caribbean and the Great Lakes. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1974. In his first assignments, he served as a Boatswain's Mate and Surfman at Station Willapa Bay in Tokeland, Washington and then Station Grays Harbor in Westport, Washington.

After graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1979, he was assigned to the Coast Guard's 13th District Office in Seattle, Washington as Assistant Director of Auxiliary. He then transferred to Group Cape Hatteras, North Carolina as Deputy Group Commander. In 1985, he took charge of a Technical Assistance Field Team in the Eastern Caribbean. There, he was responsible for providing operational training, maintenance support, and coordination for Naval Security Assistance initiatives within six Eastern Caribbean countries, including: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Next, he transferred back to the 13th Coast Guard District in Seattle as planning officer for the newly formed Maritime Defense Zone Sector Pacific Northwest. He served in this position for two years and then transferred to Station Cape Disappointment, Washington for a three-year assignment as Commanding Officer. In August 1992, he reported for duty to the 7th Coast Guard District Search and Rescue Branch in Miami, Florida. In this busy job, he managed that district's search and rescue program, using resources from the Coast Guard air stations and groups from South Carolina to Puerto Rico.



Rear Admiral Neptun was next assigned to Coast Guard Group Buffalo as Group Commander. There, he was responsible for most Coast Guard activities along the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lake Ontario, and eastern Lake Erie. Following this assignment, he received the opportunity to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he studied national security and strategy issues, and joint military operations for one year. Upon graduation from the Naval War College, he transferred to Coast Guard Integrated Support Command Miami, Florida, where he served as Executive Officer, responsible for coordinating the plethora of support requirements for the 7th Coast Guard District. In his next assignment at the Coast Guard Personnel Command in Washington, DC, he served as Chief, Enlisted Personnel Division, where his staff was responsible for advancement, assignment, separation, and retirement processes for the Coast Guard's enlisted workforce. He was next assigned to Coast Guard Group St. Petersburg where he served as Group Commander for 15 units assigned to various locations along Florida's west coast. During this assignment, he focused upon search and rescue, maritime homeland security, maritime law enforcement, aids to navigation, and worked very closely with our maritime homeland security partner agencies. He was next assigned to Coast Guard Pacific Area in Alameda, California where he served as Chief of Staff for Coast Guard units assigned across the vast expanse of the Pacific Theater. In January 2008, he reported on board Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC where he currently serves as the Coast Guard's Director of Personnel Management.

Rear Admiral Neptun is a native of Peoria, Illinois; a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington; and he earned his master's degree from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Additionally, he has earned many personal, unit, team, and service awards.